

ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

JUNE 2019

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth*

*Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North,
All Christlike souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

John Oxenham was a journalist, poet and publisher who travelled widely in England, Europe and America at a time when segregation was alive and well. These are days when freedom of the press seems under threat and walls of diversion are going up, rather than being torn down. Reminding us of our opportunity to take the lead to give people permission to think differently. Attitudes to mental health and homelessness have moved on from the times the church saw misfortune as demon possession or a sign of sin or divine displeasure.

The national focus on mental health and homelessness is certainly on Albury's homepage and we are ramping up our response on behalf of community safety and our new **Op Shop** on Retro Lane, next to St Matthew's is a way of us increasing our capacity to help others.

Our recent Thanksgiving service for the life of Angie Barney helps to remind us that individuals can make such a loving difference and so thanks to all of you who continue in that amazing journey.

Please note that **Tax Time** is upon us and there are tax deductible ways of helping the practical ministry of St Matthews in terms of our building, music lessons for students, our pipe organ, help with the homeless and Chamber Music Festival.

With the winter upon us we see the return to St Matthews and central Albury of **Victory Lutheran College** – Random Acts of Kindness – 17th June and Soup Kitchen on 19th June. This great student initiative has helped provide a shower for the homeless and much need support for our daily mission to the vulnerable. St Matthew's supporting local music students and teachers. **James Flores** – **Concert Certificate St Cecilia Piano Exams** will be held at Adamshurst on Thursday 20th June 11.00am - 12.15pm. This is open to the public and an audience is encouraged. Students will be of Preliminary - Grade 5 level, presenting exam pieces in a recital format.

Mental health and youth suicide and family support **Winter Solstice – Friday 21st June** - Starts 5pm in QEII Square. Help us shine a light on the darkest

night. Gather in the warm embrace of community for one night to support those affected by suicide. Be inspired and uplifted by the stories and songs of our guest speakers and performers. Warm your hearts and hands by firelight in QEII Square. Enjoy steaming food and drinks as you join special guests Rosie Batty, Steve Willis and Kathy Kelly. Music by The Northern Folk, Patrick Lionel and the Gateway Life Church African Choir. Hosted by David Astle.

Albury Chamber Music Festival Concert – Sunday 23rd June, 2pm—Mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell with Helena Kernaghan (piano) and Sunday 8th September, 2pm—Harpist Marshall McGuire. Single concert tickets for \$40/ \$30 concession or buy a series subscription ticket for \$105/ \$80 concession.

Find out more at <https://www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au/concert-series/> Buy your tickets online, or in person or over the phone from the Albury Entertainment Centre box office. Ph.02 6043 5610. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Tickets for students/under 18s are available at the door only for \$10.00, with identification.

Tunes on Tuesday at 1.10pm – we have APS Choir & 3's Company on the 18th and St Matthew's Music Association Scholar on the 2nd July.

Evensong on 7th July at 5pm.

Fr Peter

Sunday Service—28 April



Sunday Service— 5 May



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Fr Peter Vicki & David Murray had a meeting with the town planner at Albury City re the sign and glass door. The doors will be okay to install. Not sure about the sign. We need to do the application professionally.

Tap machine. It was agreed we purchase one. As a lot of people don't carry cash with then they can use the tap machine. There will be a minimum amount of \$5.

Candle money. This money keeps getting stolen

Finances. A cheque for \$10,000 was presented to Fr Peter and Barbara Hoodless by Albury Rotary for the food room.

Air conditioning. The cooling has been turned off and the heating has been turned on.

The garden. The watering system has been turned off.

The organ It is hoped that the organ will be cleaned in August.

Pastoral care and Outreach. The team relies on being told if someone is sick and would like a visit .

Food room. 36 hampers 169 meals and 255 drinks given out in April. The takings for the OP shop was \$477 & \$33 for Jack's Rags.

Fete—We hope to have a jumping castle at this year's fete. If you have any ideas how we can make more money at the fete and are prepared to organize please contact Vicki or Mark.

NEW OP SHOP—The new shop will be in Kiewa St in the Bellbridge Hague building on the corner of the lane. We can move in on 1st June. It is much bigger than the one we are presently in.

To be able to open it more often volunteers are needed.

Wanted—Winter clothing. If you have any winter clothing such as jumpers pants gloves scarves coats that are in good condition that are no longer needed, please drop them off to the office between 8.30 and 12.30pm

Kaye Kennedy Secretary



Eliza at the Islamic Society—breaking of Fast of Ramadam



Evening Group News

Please support the current Cakeless Cake stall, so we can continue to pay for the photocopier in the office.

There will be no June meeting, we will be going out for dinner!

Venue to be notified

We will be hosting a card party later in the year at Adamshurst, date also to be announced .

Helen & Essie

Sunday Service—12 May



Sunday Service—28 April



MEDITATION



FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

“When the day of Pentecost came, divided tongues of fire rested on each of them... They were filled with the Holy Spirit... All were amazed and perplexed saying ‘what does this mean?’”(Acts 2:1-12)

The first half of the Christian Year, Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter acknowledges what Christians believe, starting from the birth of Jesus to his resurrection. The second half begins with Pentecost where attention moves to how to live and practise the Christian faith.

Pentecost is observed seven weeks after Easter, and it is the time when the Church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. Old Testament writers in Genesis, the Psalms and the prophets referred to a divine force, “the Spirit of God” which provided a source of inspiration during those times. Much later when announcing the coming of Jesus, John the Baptist said, “I baptise with water, but there is one coming after me who will Baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (Luke 3:16) Prior to His ascension, Our Lord said “I won’t leave you comfortless – the Father will send you another counsellor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16-17) So when Jesus ascended, he opened the way for the Holy Spirit to come.

The disciples didn’t fully understand the promises of Jesus or what exactly He had in mind for them until Pentecost. It was then, after they were touched with tongues of fire and could speak many languages to the assembled crowd, that they felt empowered to speak out boldly- setting hearts aflame and igniting the lives of others. They preached, taught, healed and helped. They were also inspired to write down the promised truths given to them by Jesus, which now form the New Testament of our Bible.

When Jesus was on earth He could only speak with and teach those around Him, but on that day the Holy Spirit was sent to be the voice of God to all people, and to function as the body of Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who directs, brings nourishment, distributes gifts, and makes us fruitful. We honour the Spirit when we cultivate what Paul called “The fruits of the Spirit”. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Pentecost reminds us how the Spirit can empower and challenge us, as well as provide assurance and comfort. May the ministry of new ideas, new friends, and experiences contribute to an inner renewal as we live in the light of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Each day as we live our faith, we depend upon the guidance and inspiration of the same Spirit that God granted to the Church on that first day of Pentecost.

*Come down O love divine, fill thou this soul of mine...O comforter
draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it they holy flame
bestowing.*

(From the sermons of Father Colin)



MAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The theme for May children's church was **WE SHARE**.

Rev Catherine Dawson took the service attended by 12 very enthusiastic children and their families.

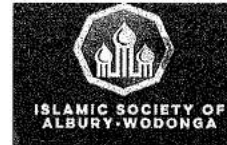
Catherine showed the children how to use the five fingers on their hand when saying their prayers so that did not forget who to pray for, the children offered serious prayer suggestions to her questions and clearly understood what it means to pray. Their enthusiastic response to Catherine's questions is very encouraging, they are interested and eager to learn, and they love to assist her at the altar. Catherine told them a story about what it means to share and include people who are of a different race, or colour, to emulate what Jesus did. We are very fortunate to have little Atara in our children's church family who is from Kenya, it is beautiful to watch the other children interacting with Atara. Their craft activity was to colour in a sheet of pictures of different foods, some ethnic foods, suitable for them to take to school for lunch, and then place them in a brown paper lunch bag, this incorporated the idea of sharing even though some of the food was different, other cultures eat different foods but we can all share what we have. We sang 4 cheerful and uplifting songs to Rowena Ginn's accompaniment with actions and enthusiasm, many thanks Rowena. After the service while the children enjoyed their craft activity the adults enjoyed some fellowship and morning tea. Rev. Catherine is so enthusiastic and able to connect with the children, and all the congregation, and we thank her for this!

Please spread the word about our children's church at St Matthew's and encourage any families you know with young children to join us, the third Sunday of each month at 10.30 am, always a happy caring environment for children to grow in the faith.

Janette Kettyle Children's Church Team

Julie Scott, Children's church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.





22 April 2019

To

Father Peter MacLeod-Miller

Saint Matthew's Anglican Church of Albury

Re: Condemnation of Church terrorist attack in Sri Lanka

Dear Father Peter

In the wake of 21 April's Church attack in Sri Lanka, on behalf of the Islamic Society of Albury Wodonga we would like to extend our deepest condolences to our Christian faith brothers and sisters living in Albury Wodonga. This was a coward and heinous act where innocent, defenceless worshipers were killed. Our prayers and thoughts are with those who lost their lives, and with their families who lost their loved one.

We are united with people from all religious faiths. Terrorism did not and will not make us apart. Our bond and social cohesion are strong. We will continue striving to uphold peace and harmony in our community. All together we would like to denounce the killers and their terrorist activities whole heartedly.

Thankyou

Islamic Society of Albury Wodonga Executive Committee

ISAW, 494 Wagga Road, Lavington. Email: isaw786@gmail.com

BELFRY NEWS

Our ringers continue to ring faithfully for every Sunday Eucharist and Evensong. We practice on Tuesdays from 5 to 6.30pm and often host visiting ringers from towers in other parts of Australia and occasionally from overseas.

Visiting ringers always enjoy ringing our 8 bells. Many visitors to Albury, on hearing the bells on Tuesdays, come up to see what we do. Many of the CWA ladies were very interested; one of them, Ron Shepherd's wife Cathy had a ring. Ron was responsible for installing our bells and subsequently many other rings and has recently been awarded the OAM.

Our Tower is affiliated with the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bellringers (ANZAB), which in turn is a member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCCR) in England. Our bells are hung and rung in accordance with 16th Century technology.

We have 16 ringers on our books for our 8 bells, but 8 of these are over 70 years of age and 2 are in their 80s. We have lost 3 of these ringers through illness, job posting, etc, and another 4 are largely inactive due to family, work demands, or health issues. Currently we have 2 ringers injured (not related to ringing!) and this year two more have been hospitalized, thankfully only briefly. All this has reduced our active band severely; Sunday April 5th was just such a day with only 3 or 4 ringers available.

To be blunt, we are in danger of becoming an extinct species! We need new recruits if we are to continue our ringing in the long term. Ringers need to be reasonably physically fit and mentally alert. The learning process progresses from initial bell handling to ringing together with other ringers, and then developing method ringing skills, which may take some time, depending on the whole band of ringers working as a team. This exercise, as ringing is often called, can be a lifelong interest, and can be very satisfying.

We are looking for young to middle aged recruits in particular, but anyone with the will to learn and help us out would be welcome to come along and see what we do, and hopefully give it a go.

Contact the following or just come along on any Tuesday or Sunday:

Pam Thorman, Tower Captain, 0438 232 827

Jim Jefferies, Ringing master, 0449 557 556



Sunday Service—26 May





Organ Student Sam Giddy from Yass, on April 23rd 'Tunes of Tuesday ' with James Flores

FOR THE KIDS



- Q. Would you rather have an elephant chase you than a lion?
- A. *I would rather have the elephant chase the lion.*
- Q. If your dog ate your book what would you do?
- A. *I would take the words right out of his mouth.*
- Q. How does an elephant get down from a tree?
- A. *He sits on a leaf and waits for Autumn*

H U M O U R

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

Taco? Never saw one till I was 15.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible!

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word... never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal and stewed.

Surprisingly Muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks or were round with a hole in the middle, in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

There were three things that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties . . . elbows, hats and mobile phones!

.....and there was always two choices for each meal...

"Take it" or "Leave it".....

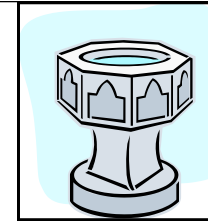


ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

11 May	Rhiannon Lexi HERAN Kristy Born CRICHTON
12 May	Reuben Carlos ROGALSKI
26 May	Samuel David GARLEY



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in May

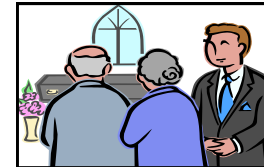


Funerals

We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those

who mourn

26 April	Paula Leigh GINNS
14 May	Mary Isabel COX
27 May	Donald Eric MAXWELL

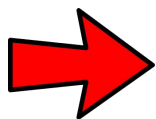


Years Mind—

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

June

Naldrett Phylliss CORNELL (1st), Pearl BLEASDALE (2nd), Beatrice WEBB (2nd), Roy CLAY (3rd), Jack NICHOLS (3rd), Marjorie Boyd MOORE (3rd), Beatrice SLOAN (4th), Jim FARRINGTON (4th), Margaret Mary KENNEDY (4th), John Charles MCINTYRE (Priest) (6th), John RIDE (7th), Elizabeth Rose DALLINGER (7th), Enid Caroline NORMAN (9th), Albert Clarence SEARLE (11th), 'Ted' Walter Edward HAMILTON (11th), Kevin BOWTELL (12th), Isabel Mary RICHARDSON (13th), Mary Doreen WIDDISON (15th), Colin Herbert WELLARD (Priest) (15th), Dorothy Jean DUNWOODIE (19th), Peter Salmon COLCLOUGH (19th), 'Bob' Robert Sydney BYE (20th), Joan Elvery PETERS (20th), Wilfred COLLICOAT (21st), Horace OGILVIE (21st), Ursula Anette GENAEHR (21st), Reginald WHITE (22nd), Jean KENNEDY (23rd), Robert BEAL (Priest) (24th), Valerie Dare TOMKINS (24th), Nick WELCH (25th), Jean HANMER (26th), Shirley McELROY (27th), Joyce KRIEGER (28th), Eddie BARNEY (28th), Ella Florence FORBES (30th)



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8:00 am. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am. Eucharist

THURSDAY

No services

FRIDAY

10.00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 2nd Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

9.00 am. Sung Eucharist

10:30 am. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month

5.00 pm. Evensong (only 1st Sunday of every month)

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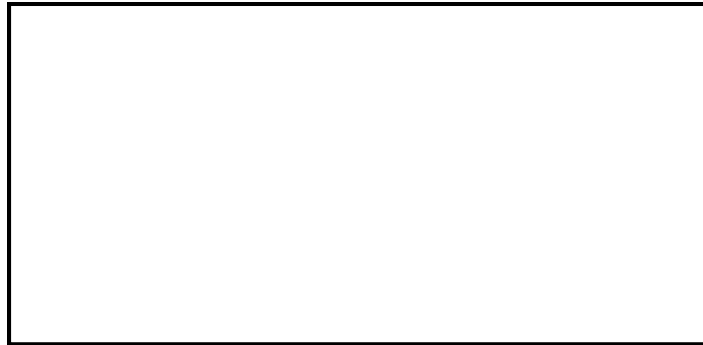
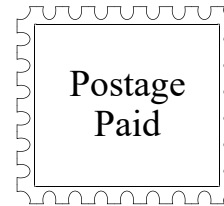
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